

**California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 10, 2003**

**CalEPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Attendees:**

Bill Andrews—Department of Education

Kay Antunez — CDF

Phaedra Bota—Department of Boating and Waterways

Trish Broddrick — Cal/EPA

Vanessa Byrd—Department of Toxic Substances Control

Jamie Cameron-Harley— CALFED

Annie Kohut Frankel—California Coastal Commission

Susan Knadle — OEHHA

Claudie Kiti—State and Consumer Services Agency

Karen Manor—Department of Food and Agriculture

Tom Mays—State Water Resources Control Board

Kris McNamara—The Walt Disney Company

Laurie Monserrat—Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

Don Peri—Integrated Waste Management Board

Barbara Simon—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

Janice Sindoni—The Walt Disney Company

Holly Sheradin—State Water Resources Control Board

Kathleen Strickley—Department of Conservation

Carolyn Tucker—Department of Water Resources

Bobbie Winn—Department of Fish and Game

Edward Wong—ARB

## **What's New in Your World?**

### **Trish Broddrick, Cal/EPA**

CTL – breaking into grade level lessons aligning with science standards and SBE adopted textbooks. Will be on the Web. Target audience: 4, 5, & 6 grades.

### **Edward Wong, Air Pollution Specialist, (Air Quality Education Coordinator), ARB**

1. Hosted Carriage Drive Elementary School (Citrus Heights) third grade class visit February 21 as reward for creating “Spare the Air” artwork. On display at the Cal/EPA 6<sup>th</sup> floor elevator lobby, East elevators.
2. Conducted “Spare the Air” art lesson seminar at annual math/science teachers’ conference in Redwood City March 1.
3. Two performances (10:00-10:45 am and 1:30-2:15pm) of “Who Let the Smog Out” will be given on “Take our Children to Work Day/Earth Day” on April 22 at Cal/EPA. All CEEIN members invited. Call Ed Wong if interested

### **Annie Kohut Frankel, California Coastal Commission:**

New Science Activity Guide, “*Waves, Wetlands and Watersheds*”, is now available. Aligned to the State Science Content Standards for 3-8 grades. Includes a “Community Action” unit of service learning activities that is adaptable to all ages up to and beyond high school. Conducting educator workshops and distributing the book for free. More information is on the CCC’s public education Web site, <http://www.coastforyou.org/>.

### **Phaedra Bota, Associate Boating Administrator, Department of Boating and Waterways:**

1. Personal Flotation Device trade-in: Lifejackets will be given to the first 100 public persons who bring an old unserviceable life jacket to seven local Sam’s Clubs sites. In addition, the stores will offer discount coupons on life jackets to purchase from their store. Promotion will occur through the Infinity Broadcasting Family of radio stations.
2. Establishing a partnership with Radio Disney throughout California to promote our Safe & Wise Water Ways poster contest. Last year the local station sponsored the contest by giving prizes to the winners.
3. The kick-off of National Safe Boating Week will be in Los Angeles on May 16. Department of Boating and Waterways is hosting one of two national kick-offs. Boating dignitaries will speak; visiting children will enjoy the AquaSMARTLive! Puppet show and a safety fair will be open to the public.

### **Claudie Kiti, State and Consumer Services Agency:**

SEE Program outreach efforts have begun. The goal is to sign up 55 school districts from the counties of El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Tulare and Yolo. Program will provide a variety of educational resources to teach students about energy and provide technical support to assist schools with energy-efficient facility upgrades.

**Barbara Simon, US Fish and Game:**

1. Shared information from Patti Pride, Director of the National Environmental Education Training Foundation on partnership opportunities for National Public Lands Day;
2. Hands on the Land website for students to post field trip photos and information;
3. DOI's "Take Pride in America" program, and possible funding possibilities for environmental education.
4. Encouraged members to view a web preview of the "Winged Migration" movie, and web information on the Pacific Salmon.

**Carolyn Tucker, Water Education Specialist, Department of Water Resources:**

1. Attended CREEC Conference and presented DWR's materials to the coordinators.
2. Participating in Creek Week April 4 through April 12. Laurie Beyels' 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade class was given Creek Steward award for cleaning creek, removing non-natives and planting native oaks. DWR will have children's exhibits at the Creek Week Celebration, April 12, at the Discovery Center.

**Kay Antunez — CDF**

1. Energy & Society — Working with SCSA on connecting PLT's network with energy education effort.
2. Arbor Day. Poster Contest finale — grand winner 5<sup>th</sup> grader from Simi Valley.
3. Budget — working on keeping the Project Learning Tree program an alive and dynamic part of CDF.

**Tom Mays, State Water Resources Control Board:**

1. Will provide \$11,000 to fund the CREEC network this year.
2. Also, the Los Angeles County storm water outreach contract is still in review at the Department of General Services. Approval is expected later in the month of April, and the outreach campaign should begin in May.

**Bill Andrews, California Department of Education**

1. CREEC Network Conference featured four CEEIN partners at a "share fair." The CREEC Web site received nearly 1 million hits in 2002; that's double the hits over 2001.
2. State Priority EE Grants will be awarded this month. The awards will be \$24,000 each with 50 percent paid this fiscal year and 50 percent paid next year, to operate the Network for FY 03-04.
3. The Office of Environmental Education at the California Department of Education will conduct the third statewide videoconference on the state EE plan. Each of the five working groups will provide updates on their strategic planning efforts.

**Holly Sheradin, State Water Resources Control Board: (need information)**

1. The Clean Water Team provided Citizen water monitoring 2-day workshop at the Southern California Marine Institute in San Pedro. The training was for the 12 team leaders that worked with citizen volunteers to collect water quality data for the May 17<sup>th</sup> California Coastwide Water Monitoring Snapshot event. Worked with the Tahoe/Truckee Citizen Monitoring group in providing several volunteer training workshops and loaning instruments for their May 10<sup>th</sup> water monitoring snapshot event.
2. Presented the CEEIN Environmental award to the 1<sup>st</sup> Place State finalist fifth grade class and teacher Mr. Bob Comlossy at Meyers Elementary School in Meyers California. (This community is neighboring the South Shore at Lake Tahoe.) The class demonstrated their winning project and the school Principal, parents, and local water quality specialists, that worked with the class, were there to help celebrate. Everyone involved is motivated to submit a project next year.
3. Worked with Tom Mays and Jarma Bennett on the School DEEL 'water audit' education tool and resource materials. (ongoing at this time)

**Bobbie Winn, Project WILD/Aquatic WILD, Department of Fish and Game:**

1. Conducting facilitator and basic workshops connecting with college and university pre-service instructors. 2003 American River Salmon Fest. Art contest call for entries. Entries due April 25. This year a curriculum unit will be created for local teachers.
2. Working on development for restructuring of delivery of Project WILD in California. Will work on plan to pilot an online aquatic workshop and to develop a CD for facilitator training.

**Karen Manor, Department of Food and Agriculture:**

1. Participating in State Scientist Day at State Capitol (May 14)
2. State Board of Food and Agriculture (April 30) — Presentations include science advisors from CDFA and University of California, Davis.

**Kathleen Strickley, Recycling Specialist, Department of Conservation**

1. Earth Day! Busy organizing and attending events statewide: SF, State Capitols Passport to Summer, Oxnard, Oakland Zoo, Berkeley, Stockton, Truckee, Sacramento Zoo, CSUS, Los Angeles Zoo, Santa Barbara, Cal/EPA, Monrovia.
2. Developing outreach calendar to visit minor league ballparks reinforcing their already existing recycling programs. (Will have Recycle Rex and outreach table at ballgames.)
3. Researching the possibility of developing partnerships with high school environmental clubs.

**Video & Discussion "The Synthetic Sea" (T. Mays):** During the lunch hour, the group viewed "Our Synthetic Sea," which documents how plastics pollution affects marine life in the South Pacific Gyre (a stretch of ocean as large as the North American continent.)

**Information Items:**

1. Revised list of members (T. Mays): Circulated.
2. School DEEL Update (D. Peri) Regarding the Unified Education Strategy (UES) Grants, CIWMB initiated a second cycle of grant applications that are due by April 11 at 2pm. The second cycle proved necessary due to under-subscribing. Environmental Ambassador Pilot Program: CIWMB grant managers and staff are conducting scoping meetings with the Environmental Ambassador school districts to help facilitate the activities associated with the first year of the two-year program.
3. EETAP (EE Training and Partnership) & Grants Projects (K. Antunez) (need information.)
4. CEEF (B. Andrews): Update provided during "What's New in Your World?" agenda item.
5. Legislative Update: AB 907 (T. Mays). Copies of the latest bill were handed out. The bill would require that the State Board of Education to revise the academic content standards for science and history/social science to incorporate environmental education content standards.

**Enviromentality Update/El Verano School Visit, Video**

Janice Sindoni, Vanessa Byrd, Lisa Kunz: Provided an overview and video of the Environmentality award winner and the surprise announcement at the school. Also discussed were the plans for the yearly Environmentality ceremony at Disneyland theme park in May.

**Discussion Item:**

Status of Committee Meetings, Memberships Business (All): Item was tabled until the June meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the March meeting were approved.

**Information on the Next Meeting/Adjournment:**

There will be no May meeting to accommodate the Environmentality ceremony. The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 12 at the Cal/EPA building.

Submitted by Tom Mays